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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK REACTION TO BRANDT RESIGNATION

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1. CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT HAS EXHIBITED PERHAPS SOME INITIAL NERVOUSNESS TO RESIGNATION OF CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND EFFECT WHICH IT MIGHT HAVE ON FRG'S RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. ON MAY 7 FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES OF BOTH HOUSES OF FEDERAL ASSEMBLY MET AND RECOMMENDED CZECHOSLOVAK RATIFICATION OF TREATY WITH FRG WHICH BRANDT SIGNED IN DECEMBER. APPROVAL BY COMMITTEES, FINAL STEP BEFORE VOTE BY FULL FEDERAL ASSEMBLY, APPEARS TO BE ACCELERATION IN CZECHOSLOVAK ACTION ON TREATY, WHICH HAS BEEN HERETOFORE PRECISELY PARALLEL WITH MOVEMENT OF TREATY THROUGH FRG LEGISLATIVE BODIES.

2. IN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF AND COMMENTARY ON RESIGNATION, NEWS MEDIA HAVE CONCENTRATED ON FAILURES OF BRANDT'S DOMESTIC POLICIES AND INTRA-PARTY FIGHTING AS PRIMARY REASONS

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FOR RESIGNATION AND DOWNPLAYED IMPORTANCE OF GUILLAUME

AFFAIR. AFTER PRAISING BRANDT'S FOREIGN POLICY, "RUDE PRAVO"  
SAYS THAT RESIGNATION DOES NOT ELIMINATE RESULTS OF OSTPOLITIK  
BUT PROVES THAT DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN FRG MUST WORK EVEN  
HARDER FOR "REALISTIC, POSITIVE" FOREIGN POLICY. TRADE UNION  
DAILY "PRACE" REMINDS ITS READERS (AND FRG) THAT WEST  
GERMAN SIGNATURES ON TREATIES WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES REMAIN  
BINDING ON FUTURE FRG GOVERNMENTS AND WARNS THAT RETURN TO  
"TIME OF ADENAUER," EVEN IN MODERN FORM, IS NOT POSSIBLE IN  
CHANGED WORLD OF TODAY.  
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